

## QUERIES IF CERTAIN ASS'NS. ARE LOTTERIES

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)  
JEFFERSON CITY, Aug. 11.—The Attorney-General's office, at the request of J. G. Hughes, State Commissioner of finance, is investigating the operations of common law housing trusts, of which 44 are operating in Missouri, on the published inquiry of Herbert Myrick, editor of Farm and Home, an agricultural journal, printed at Springfield, Mass., as to whether they constitute lotteries. Attorney-General Barrett has designated Stratton S. Hartel and Robert W. Otto, two of his assistants, to look into the matter. Hughes will license no more housing trusts until the inquiry is concluded. Our applications are pending.

Myrick made the lottery suggestion in a letter to Gov. Hyde, turned over by the latter to Hughes, in which the easterner asked, "Is your State of Missouri breeding lotteries? I am impelled to ask this question because under a new law enacted so late as 1919, some 40 instalment deposit loan concerns already have been licensed to do business in your State. Is such rapid increase due to the big margin the scheme permits its promoters, officials and agents to extract from depositors? In effect are these concerns lottery banks?"

The loan contracts of one of these housing trusts picked at random provides that the holder of a certificate of beneficial interests is entitled to a loan out of the loan fund whenever his turn arrives, provided the money has been accumulated in that fund to pay it, provided he has paid required instalments for six consecutive months and provided he has paid 15 per cent of the face value of his contract.

The first three instalments paid under this contract and 15 per cent of all monthly payments after the third and up to the fifteenth do go into the loan fund, but into an expense fund to defray operating costs. The rest goes into the loan fund. In some respects the schemes of the various trusts differ in details of their plans.

Sixteen of these trusts have their headquarters in St. Louis and 24 in Kansas City.

Mrs. R. S. Hamilton and two children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilkins Saturday on their way from Ohio to their home in Bend, Ore.

Miss Helen Plunkett went to Fulton Saturday morning to meet some friends with whom she will motor to Bartlesville, Okla., where she will spend her vacation.

Mrs. J. M. Shy and daughter, Louise and son, Clarence, of Cape Girardeau are the guests of Mrs. Shy's sister, Mrs. S. C. Truby.

Harry Harper is seriously ill at his home.

Wallace Dearing, who has been taking a vacation in the North, is expected to return to Mexico the first of next week.

Mrs. W. W. Williams is visiting in Colorado.

The Rev. Alonzo Pearson was in Fulton on business Wednesday.



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## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SCHOOLS GOOD

The schools of Audrain County are in better financial condition than those of any other county in the State, according to a school official, who was in Mexico a few days ago and examined the county treasurer's books.

The quarterly school settlement with the county court was made Wednesday showing a balance on hand in the school fund July 1, 1922 of \$50,749.81. This amount is \$30,000 more than the balance on hand at the same time last year due to the higher taxation this year.

The total amount handed during the three months ending July 1 was \$182,903.06 and the amount expended was \$112,153.21.

The quarterly settlement of the county treasurer of the county revenue was made Thursday afternoon. The balance on hand August 1 was \$52,504.13 as compared to \$45,084.25 on May 1. The amount expended from May to August was \$16,928.91.

## SETTLEMENT OF COUNTY REVENUE MADE THURSDAY

The county treasurer made his quarterly settlement with the Audrain County Court Thursday afternoon. The settlement was approved by the court.

The balances in the various funds are as follows:

Soldiers' Memorial	\$2,151.30
County Revenue	35,575.22
Road Districts	22,834.28
School	51,296.56
County Seat Road	2,825.66
County Criminal Costs	43.50
Interest	3,911.10
State Criminal Costs	58.80
County road and bridge	8,958.49
Inquests	43.40
Railroad apportionment to roads	5,439.18
Arnold overpaid commission to roads	1,05.25
Arnold overpaid commission to schools	390.99
County Revenue fund in bank	\$133,633.73
School Fund	5,754.33
County Hospital Maintenance	6,977.24

## MANY AUDRAIN COUNTY TEACHERS ATTEND SCHOOL

About 50 per cent of the 175 teachers of the Audrain County Schools attended school somewhere this summer, according to Ed C. Offutt, who is very proud of this record. The county was represented at each of the five normal schools of the State, the University of Missouri at Columbia, LaGrange College and at Canton.

The grades which they made during the summer have been received by Mr. Offutt and he says that although the requirements are becoming more rigid all the time, the Audrain teachers may well be proud of their summer's work.

## LARGE CROWDS AT BOONE-CALLAWAY PICNIC

Near Millersburg  
Large crowds attended the Boone-Callaway picnic near Millersburg Thursday. The weather was ideal and everyone seemed to enjoy the various events of the day. Fifty sheep, 2 beavers and 2 hogs were cooked to supply a sufficient quantity of barbecued meat.

G. L. Burgess of Vandalia was a Mexico visitor Sunday.

Miss Nell Coons is visiting in Fulton at the home of Glover Coons.

To Inspect Bridges.  
The members of the Audrain County Court spent Friday in the northern part of the county inspecting bridges.

C. P. Arnold went to Williamsburg Sunday to be present at the celebration of the fifty-fifth wedding anniversary of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arnold.

To Have Community Meeting.  
The usual annual reunion of Ex-Confederate soldiers at Auxvasse will not be held this year. Instead there will be a big meeting which will include Ex-Confederates, World War Veterans and everyone in the community. This decision was made at a meeting of those interested Saturday morning. The date for the meeting has not yet been set but it will probably be soon.

Frank Eggert of Laddonia spent Friday in Mexico.

## What's Wrong With Women?

Mary Margaret McBride in The New York Mail; Miss McBride is a Former City Editor of The Ledger

Despite all the super gifts of freedom, beauty and happiness for which their sisters the world over envy them, American women are suffering from a serious inferiority complex.

Miss Martin, it will be recalled, was the first woman to run for United States senator. She was also, she laughingly insisted, the buffer between the thirty-two women who now seek office in this country and the earliest opponents of the feminine office holding idea.

"I am forced to the conclusion that American women do not yet believe themselves the equals of men," she told me.

"Even the women's organizations are still using the indirect methods

of sex appeal and begging to remove legal disabilities. They do not seem to see that the disabilities will come off fast enough as soon as women assert themselves as standing for each other regardless of party.

"Women ought to get behind every qualified candidate and put her over. The way to obtain a government in which women shall have as much say as men is to have a fifty-fifty representation in the governing bodies.

"The point is that the present-day parties are men's purely, which is not our fault, is it? We are way behind and it seems only fair that until we catch up we should consider women and not politics."

## Knitting is Now the Chief Indoor Sport in Mexico

If Shakespeare had been living now at the time that handmaiden sweaters are the vogue he might have written a different version of "Love's Labour Lost" for it must be confessed that amateur knitters are losing a lot of time just now manufacturing garments which came as near fitting as many of the socks which were presented to the soldiers during the war.

How would you feel if you had spent days and sat up nights to finish a sweater for some special occasion, and then when it was done just in the nick of time and you finished sewing it up thinking how pretty you were

going to look and then found to your horror that it was too long in the front, two short in the back, the sleeves were too short and the neck positively did NOT fit?

But just now, when one's happiness is measured by the number of sweaters you possess, knitting is a necessity and many Mexican girls are learning the value of the trite old saying of "try, try again." Some, however, are quite proficient in the gentle art of knitting and one girl, it is whispered, now has five sweaters to her credit and is ambitious to acquire at least a dozen more.

## Mexico Children Think Playground Great Fun

A three-ringed circus, to borrow a slang expression, has nothing on the Mexico playground, which opened in Hardin Park Wednesday under the direction of Miss Sally Garrett, when it comes to offering varied amusement.

The ages of the children attending the playground range from an adorable young lady of three years to several girls who are bordering on the "flapper" age but there is something to amuse them all. It is no common thing for a base ball game, croquet and animated game of Flying Dutchman to all be in progress at once. And besides this you will probably find a number of the children swinging, playing teeter totter or throwing basket ball goals at the same time.

It seems almost impossible to realize that Hardin Park is the same place that was a week ago although very little has been added in the way of playground equipment. There are swings, teeter totters, a croquet set and small building where Miss Garrett stores her supplies but best of all is the tent where after playing a strenuous game, the children gather to rest and cool off while Miss Garrett tells them stories or teaches them new games. Did you ever play "Three Pigs"? Of course you have, only perhaps you have forgotten it.

but few of us have played it as Mexico children are learning to play it with a little puppet stage and characters made of paper and string.

Another fascinating spot in the cool shady park is the sand pile only it must be confessed that Mexico children are so delighted with the idea of having a real grown up person to play with them all afternoon they spend little time away from Miss Garrett. They are agreeable, polite little persons, these Mexico children, and know only that they are enjoying their new playground although unaware that at the same time they are having such a good time they are learning a great deal.

Have you visited the playground? If not do for you will enjoy it and will appreciate the fact that the children of Mexico are fortunate in the fact that they will have six weeks of supervised play this summer. Only be careful, if your dignity is dear to you, for you will probably find the spirit of fun contagious and the first thing you will be playing run for your supper or seeing if you have forgotten how to play base ball.

Twenty-five children were present at the opening afternoon of the playground and thirty-five Thursday afternoon.

## Croquet Threatens To Be Most Popular Sport Here

The usual questions of "do you dance," "do you swim" or even "do you golf" are taking a place in the background just now and being supplanted in Mexico by the burning question "do you play croquet?"

A revival of interest in the ancient game is now on and many families play daily and neighborhoods are getting into the habit of an evening game. Croquet rules are being read with as much diligence as Work or Hoyle were last winter and heated arguments are being heard over the ethics of "to shove" or "not to shove" or whether it is proper to play with one hand or two. Instead of conversations beginning with a discussion of something which happened at the ninth hole, it is very probable that some equally thrilling happening at the middle wicket or the stake may be the topic of conversation.

## PEOPLE OF MEXICO ENJOYING MANY PICTURES THIS SEASON

"I never saw so much fried chicken in my life," is frequently heard in Mexico these days in telling of the various picnics which are being held this summer. The famous hospitality of Audrain and surrounding counties is shown in no better way than in the lavish abundance of these out of door meals.

The call of the open is being heard more and more each season. Many have answered this call by putting camping outfits in their cars, cranking up their Lizzies and Henries and going to the Okarks or the West for a few weeks of real roughing it. But those who are not so fortunate have been contenting themselves with frequent feasts in the woods. At such times fried chickens is unusually an important part of the menu but still others who are proud of their skill as campers declare that nothing is as good as food cooked in the open and satisfy their appetites with bacon and eggs and coffee cooked over a camp fire.

## PERSONNEL OF FLYING SQUADRON IS SOMEWHAT CHANGED

Word has been received from headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., that the personnel of the Flying Squadron has been somewhat changed. Arthur E. Whitney has found it impossible to remain longer with the organization and has been replaced by Dr. D. Leigh Colvin of New York City. Mr. Colvin served as chaplain in the United States army during the war. The squadron will hold six meetings in Mexico September 9 to 11 at the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morris returned to Mexico Wednesday after visiting W. M. Morris of Fulton.

J. B. Armstrong has returned from an extended trip to Canada and western points of the United States.

Mrs. Bettie Blythe and daughter, Miss Eva Blythe, of St. Louis, were guests of E. M. Morris and family Friday and Saturday. They were enroute to Hardin, Montana, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Howell and family.

## COURT HOUSE

The bills allowed by the Audrain County Court this week were as follows:

Artie Ice Company	\$ 16.87
J. S. Armstrong for sprinkling	12.00
American Disinfecting Co.	11.72
John S. Atkins	22.50
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	23.65
Burroughs Adding Machine Company	6.45
George D. Barnard	506.28
C. P. Berger	.08
Barnes-Boyd	15.00
Buxton and Skinner	\$42.08
C. L. Blum	297.05
Colony for the Feeble Minded	120.00
W. L. Craddock	17.20
Evans Karbotype Mfg. Co.	7.00
E. F. Elliott	166.69
Fete Erdel for care of bridges	159.35
H. E. Elliott	30.25
Germo Manufacturing Co.	21.00
Frank Hollingsworth	24.10
Jackman Printing Co.	11.00
Crown Laundry	3.20
Mexico Ledger	11.00
McPheters Brothers	1.50
Missouri State Sanatorium	66.44
Missouri Utilities Co.	51.48
W. B. Marshall	40.00
Mexico Hardware Company	4.85
R. E. Miller	3.50
Marlow and Cox	5.25
Missouri Printing Company	15.50
H. D. Miller	6.65
H. E. Elliott	14.25
Ed C. Offutt	37.50
Ed C. Offutt	155.10
Producers Grain Company	16.97
R. C. Paul	29.15
Peterson Coal Company	2.50
J. F. Riggs Publishing Co.	13.00
Roberts and Albus	2.50
Standard Printing Company	6.77
G. F. Lanton	7.20
Sunnen Motor Company	1.50
Quires Electric Company	4.00
Lela Tinsley	45.00
C. A. Teague	64.00
The Department of Penal Institutions	431.00
F. W. Weber Company	28.50
Zim's Rexall Store	17.85
John J. Griffin to O. J. Holtman, Warr Consid \$2,500, 5% of Lot 39 Mrs. Sparks' So Add Mexico.	
Albert F. Scherer to Ray B. Scherer, Warr Cons \$10,000, 160 A in 11-52-8.	
City of Mexico to Jas. and Ella Talbot, Cem Deed Consid \$10, Lot 51 Block M, New Mexico Cemetery.	
Silas W. Sanford to Stonewall J. Stanford Warr Consid \$1.00, 1/4 int. in 60 feet x 234 feet Mexico Property.	
J. W. Gallaher to S. J. Sanford, Warr Consid \$1.00 114 feet x 30 feet City Survey 50.	
S. J. Sanford to City of Mexico Quit Claim Cons. \$1.00 Pt lot 16 Bk C. Beatty's Add to Mexico.	
Z. T. Bodkin to Bert Drain, Warr Consid \$850. Lot 6 Bk 1 Lakenan & Barnes' College Add Mexico.	
S. W. Daniel by Sher. to John W. Daniel, Sher. Cons. \$100. 20 A in Secs. 5 and 6 all in 50-10.	
Annie May Robertson to Joseph F. Reily, Warr Cons. \$350. Lot 6 Bk 1 Fairground Add to Mexico.	
Joe Considine to Tr. Hopewell Baptist Church, Warr Sons \$1. Pt. S 1/4 24-51-10.	
City of Vandalia to Mrs. Zacie Lewellen Cons. \$10 N 1/4 Lot 8 Bk E. Vandalia Cemetery.	
David Gibbs to T. E. Harrison Warr Cons \$600. E 1/4 Lot 2 Bk 4 Ladd's Add to Mexico.	
Ola Miles et al to Tom E. Harrison Warr Consid \$400. Lot 2 Bk 20 Ladd's Add to Mexico.	
H. B. Rice to Sudie McCall, Warr Consid \$500. 34 feet and 3 inches by 217 feet and 5 inches, Laddonia property.	
H. B. Rice to Sudie McCall Q C D Cons \$1, 10 feet and 4 inches on East line of Locust Street in Laddonia.	
Geo. B. Stadden et al to James E. Easley Q C D Consid \$1.00. 1/4 of 2-3 of 493 1-3 Acres in secs. 27, 28, 29, 34 and 35 in 50-8.	
Porter T. Bruce to Samuel G. Brown, Warranty, Consid \$900. Part of Lots 6 and 7 Bk 2 Ladd's Add to Mexico.	
Atta Luella Botta to D. H. Cauthorn, Warranty Consid \$600 Lot 7 Bk 2 Trolley Heights Add to Mexico.	
Charles H. and Mary E. Shoup to Trustees Jackson School Warr Consid \$75. 1/2 Acre in 29-50-8.	
George W. Hagood to J. T. Alward, Warr Cons \$2728, 58 A in 35-51-5.	
L. T. Rockenstein to Joseph B. Rockenstein Warr Cons \$1. Pt NE SE 23-51-9.	
S. J. Buckner to North Carolina Land & Inv. Co., Warranty Cons. \$12,000. 120 acres 2-61-8.	
J. H. Lane et al to North Carolina Land & Inv. Co., Warranty Cons. \$15,788. 157.88 acres 5-50-7.	
J. G. Moore to North Carolina Land & Inv. Co., Warranty Cons. \$2,600. 226 1/2-52-6.	
In the estate of George Kennedy, Anna Kennedy, widow, filed application for letters of administration. Bond fixed in sum of \$2,000. Bond given and approved and letters issued as prayed.	
In the estate of George Kennedy, the administrator filed inventory and appraisal in the probate court showing the value of the estate to be \$14,542.77 of which amount \$14,450 represents real estate.	
Three more cases have been placed on the September docket of the Audrain County Circuit Court. They are:	

## THURSDAY 63RD. ANNIVERSARY OF BIG BATTLE

Thursday, August 10 was not only the date for the Boone-Callaway picnic but was also the sixty-first anniversary of the Battle of Wilson Creek, one of the first important battles of the Civil War and one in which a number of men from this part of Missouri took part.

At the opening of the war a company of "Callaway Guards" was organized and D. H. McIntire, formerly of Mexico, and at one time attorney general of Missouri was elected captain. On August 10 General Lyons of the Union army appeared on the scene and gave battle to Price. The Callaway Company was one of the first engaged. Captain McIntire was shot by a minnie ball through the jaw. Four of the company were killed and twenty-nine injured. It was in this battle that General Lyons was killed.

Only three of this company are still living. They are: Joe Bartley of Earl; Prof. J. J. Padgett of New Bloomfield and W. H. Dawson of Fulton.

## At Audrain Hospital.

The condition of Lonnie Wyatt, who underwent an operation a few days ago, continues to improve. John J. Sten of Bowling Green, Mrs. O. H. Hafner of Rush Hill and Harvey Alderson of Wellsville were admitted to the hospital recently.

Mrs. Edna Clarke, of Philadelphia, has returned to her home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McElfresh, of this city.

Alvey Brenton and family of Clinton are the guests of relatives and friends in Mexico.

Mrs. Clay Pasley returned to her home in Fulton Friday morning after visiting relatives in Mexico.

Mrs. L. G. Gentry, who has been the guest of Mrs. Stanley Christian of Fulton returned to Mexico Thursday.

Miss Pauline Craddock has returned to Mexico after spending the summer in school at Ashville, N. C.

Pearl Wilkerson vs. Josie Wilkerson, suit on divorce. C. P. Arnold, collector vs. Jeff D. McCune, for back taxes, Mexico Savings Bank vs. I. N. Bailey et al, suit on notes.

The Audrain County Court adjourned Friday afternoon after being in session all week. The members of the court spent Friday inspecting bridges in the northern part of the county.

Monday was the first day of the regular session of the Audrain County Probate Court. The business transacted during the day was as follows: J. C. Mundy was appointed appraiser under the inheritance tax law of the estate of William Pollock.

In the estate of George M. Laird, the executrix filed report of the real estate.

John W. Howell filed petition for sale of real estate in the estate of Elizabeth Fox.

In the estate of Mary Quinn, the administrator filed application for an order to continue the final settlement until September.

No taxes are due in the estate of Michael Devaney.

The administrator in the estate of F. M. Dodge filed report of the sale of real estate.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Alice Hull Lewton died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Chapman of North Washington Street. Mrs. Lewton had returned just a short time ago from Denver, where she visited her children and although she had been ill while she was in the West she had recovered sufficiently to make the trip home by herself.

Mrs. Lewton was born in Barry, Ill., in 1854. She came to a farm near Laddonia forty-five years ago and lived there until twelve years ago when she came to Mexico to make her home with her daughter.

She is survived by eight children: Mrs. A. F. Chapman and Mrs. R. A. McCord of Mexico; Floyd A., Ralph S., and Mrs. John Day of Laddonia; Charles A., Vern E. and Mrs. Tom Brace of Denver. One child, Mrs. Theodore Campbell died at Clark some years ago. She also has one sister, Mrs. Miles B. Hoyt of Barry, Ill.

During her long residence in Audrain County, Mrs. Lewton made a number of friends who will join the Ledger in extending sympathy to the sorrowing relatives. She was a devoted mother and most loyal friend, a woman, whose influence for good will be greatly missed.

The funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at Laddonia conducted by the Rev. J. H. Hughes. Burial was in the Laddonia cemetery.

Walter Jurgensen, of Alden, Ia., well known in Mexico where he has visited frequently, died suddenly Friday night from heart trouble. The news of his death will be learned with regret here as he has many friends in this city. He was a business man of exceptional ability and an outstanding Christian character.

Mr. Jurgensen was a leading merchant of his city and a brother of Mrs. Geo. Lee, Mrs. Agnes Baddaracco, Mrs. Jack Gelhaus and Miss Clara Jurgensen, of this city. Mrs. Forman of Chicago, and Bernard Jurgensen of S. Dakota.

The time of the funeral has not been announced. The body will be held until Wednesday for the arrival of Mr. Jurgensen's brother from South Dakota, and Miss Clara Jurgensen, who has been abroad, and is expected to arrive in New York this week. The Ledger joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Walker and Robert Walker have left for their home in Galveston, Texas, after a delightful visit with relatives and friends in Mexico.

The King's Daughters are happy over the arrival of twins at their home for aged women in this city. The proud mother is the gentle faced Holstein cow which supplies the home with milk.

KEEP OFF.  
This is to warn trespassers to keep off my farm, 2 1/2 miles west of Mexico. C. C. ADAMS. 26 2t p

Announce Birth of Daughter.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arthur, a daughter. The proud father is wearing a smile of the variety that won't come off.

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